

**Budget & Finance Committee
Regular Meeting
January 9, 2008 – 3:00 p.m.
Tribal Office Board Room**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call-

Committee Chairperson Karen Washinawatok called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. PRESENT: Karen Washinawatok, Dan Maine, Eugene Caldwell, Joan Delabreau, Jeremy Weso, Kathy Kaquatosh, Troy Sadler for Harold Wilkes and Jamie Perez. ALSO PRESENT: Nick Peroff, Ron Corn and Ron Bowman.

2. Moment of Silence-A moment of silence was observed.

3. Approval of Minutes Dated December 4, 2007-

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to approve the minutes dated December 4, 2007. Motion was seconded by Eugene Caldwell. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-abstention (Delabreau), 0-absent. Motion carried.

4. Woodland Youth Request.

Ron Bowman was present to request the entire grant that the tribe assists the Woodland Boys and Girls club with. A portion of the grant money has already been used by Jeremy Weso to pay some of the fuel costs for the Club. Ron Bowman's plan is to get in advance the entire grant except for the money used for the fuel costs. Since Jeremy has already taken some of the money to pay for fuel costs all Ron Bowman is asking for is the third quarter payment minus the fuel costs. What Woodland Boys and Girls Club would do is end up with a line of credit so that they don't get full use of the funds that the Woodland club would receive from the Tribe. The club would pay the interest to the bank when the club runs the line of credit and then pay back when they actually receive the grant. The Woodland Boys and Girls club is trying to get the full use of the funds that they receive from the Tribe. The Woodland is also going to be getting funds from the county, Potawatomi, wage deductions from the Tribe, Casino, and MTE. The Woodland Boys and Girls Club is also the fiscal agent for the boxing club and their grant monies. Ron Bowman had let the committee members know that he is starting a system with the boxing club where they have to fill out a check request form and he is requiring receipt for everything the boxing club does.

Motion made by Joan Delabreau to recommend to the Legislature to approve the request authorizing the third quarter release to Woodland Youth Boys and Girls club in the amount of \$11,050 which is to cover the quarter from April to June of 2008 due to their unique financial situation at this time and this will be the last request for the fiscal year 2008. Second

was by Eugene Caldwell. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 0-absent. Motion carried.

5. FY 2007 Tribal Budget Status.

Kathy Kaquatosh handed out another final budget report. There were two programs that have over spent on their budgets. Jeremy Weso will work on the First consideration to amendment to Tribal Budget and to include TANF. Kathy suggested that Jeremy start the amendment process and in the meantime she will contact the external auditors.

Motion made by Eugene Caldwell to have Jeremy Weso get first consideration ready including TANF Depending on the auditor's determination. Second was by Dan Maine. All those in favor signify saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-abstention (Weso), 0-absent. Motion carried.

6. County/Town Request for Additional Funds from Menominee Tribe FY/CY 2008.

Ron Corn was present to request additional funds of the contracts for 2008 under certain language that was in the contracts when the costs exceed a certain amount. At that time Ron Corn had requested an additional amount of \$80,000 in the 161 Agreement. They have been working with the joint task force. The Mental Health Agreement was discussed with Jerry Waukau and he expressed that he did not have any additional dollars to assist with Mental Health Services. So the county is still seeking to come to a 50/50 cost in regards to the services provided under chapters 51, 54, and 55 of state statues. Ron's request is for the cost of the two fire trucks purchased through loan by the Town in 2007 in the amount of \$22,000.

Motion made by Joan Delabreau to have Jeremy Weso complete the necessary documents to do an amendment for restricted funds FY 2008 in the amount of \$22,000 using carry over from FY 2007 be used for the fire trucks for one year. Second was by Dan Maine. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 0-absent. Motion carried.

7. Carry-Over Funds for Prosecutor's Office-

The committee discussed about an employee in the prosecutor's office and if that person will still be employed or not.

Motion made by Joan Delabreau to have Jeremy Weso draft the first consideration regarding the amendment to using the FY 2007 carry over for Prosecutor's Office in the amount of \$37,240 to be in her FY 2008 budget. Second by Dan Maine. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-abstentions (Caldwell, Weso), 0-absent. Motion carried.

8. Other Business

The committee discussed about the funds for the Casino Project. Kathy Kaquatosh has the funds here. The Project start date is not until the year 2009. The committee is considering investing the funds now since the Project will not be drawn out of until next year.

Motion made by Joan Delabreau to recommend to the Legislature to approve that the funds for the Casino Project is placed in associated wealth that will get a better return on the funds. Second was by Jeremy Weso. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 0-absent. Motion carried.

9. Adjournment-

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Eugene Caldwell. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Lisa Caldwell, Chairman's Office
Recorder/ Transcriber